Appl. No. 10/798,677
Response dated June 24, 2009
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of June 15, 2009

Remarks

The above referenced Notice indicated that the Amendment C filed on June 5, 2008, was non-compliant because each of the claims was not provided with a proper status identifier. The undersigned thanks Examiner McMillan for the courtesies extended during a telephonic interview on June 24, 2009, between the examiner and the undersigned. During the interview, Examiner McMillan confirmed that only the status identifier for claim 137 was non-compliant. Consequently, the present response changes the status identifier for claim 137 from "reinstated – formerly claim 126." to "new". The remaining claims appear as they were submitted in the Amendment C.

For purposes of substantive examination, the applicants request consideration of the remarks contained in Amendment C filed June 5, 2008.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If there are any issues remaining that can be resolved by telephone, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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